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SUBJECT: GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER TO SUCCEED CANADIAN
AS COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL?

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1. FINANCIAL TIMES SEPTEMBER 17 SAYS GUYANESE FOREIGN
MINISTER SONNY RAMPHAL "IS REPORTED" TO HAVE 15 OF 34
COUNTRIES IN FAVOR OF HIS ELECTION AS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY GENERAL WHEN CANADIAN ARNOLD SMITH'S TERM EX-
PIRES NEXT YEAR. ACCORDING FINANCIAL TIMES "OLD" COM-
MONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, BRITAIN
AND CANADA HAVE "APPARENTLY NOT SHOWN THEIR HANDS."

2. COMMENT: SMITH HAS NOT IMPRESSED OUTSIDERS AS DYNAM-

IC IMAGINATIVE LEADER. IF RAMPHAL SUCCEEDS IN HIS EF-
FORTS TO REPLACE SMITH, GUYANESE MAY BE ABLE TO BREATHE
MORE LIFE INTO COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT.

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